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## March 9, 2021

### WORKING PARENTS BENEFIT

Submitted by MLA Mark Smith | Drayton Valley – Devon Constituency

Alberta's government is focused on protecting lives and livelihoods and that means being there for hard-working parents. Between now and March 31, eligible families can apply for the Working Parents Benefit, which will return \$108 million back into the pockets of Alberta families who use childcare

or preschool. The pandemic and the economic downturn have created significant stress for working parents, many of whom have continued to fuel Alberta's economy and provide essential services through extremely challenging circumstances. As a result, fewer families have used childcare this year. As a result, Children's Services is returning unused funds directly into the pockets of

families who need it most through this new program. The Working Parents Benefit is a one-time benefit of \$561 per child. Families who have a household income of up to \$100,000 and who have paid for three months of childcare between April 1, 2020 and Dec 31, 2020, including licensed or unlicensed daycares, day homes, out of school care or preschool, are eligible to apply.

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### SUPPORT FOR HOG PRODUCERS

Submitted by Gerald Soroka, MP for Yellowhead

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, wishes to advise that the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food, along with the Alberta Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, announced the launch of an initiative under the AgriRe-

covery Framework to provide up to \$3 million to assist hog producers impacted by processing shut downs due to the pandemic. Funding for the initiative is cost shared on a 60/40 basis between Canada and Alberta. Pork processing plants in Alberta have been impacted by COVID-19 outbreaks and disease control measures,

resulting in plant closures and reduced slaughter capacity. The initiative will provide assistance for up to 90 per cent of the cost to feed market-ready hogs held back from processing due to plant closures and reduced capacity. The province of Alberta will administer applications and payments to producers.

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# Working Parents Benefit

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This new benefit adds to supports that Alberta's government is providing to protect the lives and livelihoods of Albertans. It builds upon the recently

announced Critical Worker Benefit, which is a \$1,200 payment for eligible front-line and essential workers, and the Enhanced COVID Business Benefit, which provides support for businesses that have been neg-

atively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

To apply for the Working Parents Benefit, you must have a MyAlberta Digital ID.

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**WORKING TOGETHER for Safety in Agriculture**

You can help build a stronger farm, family, and community, and be part of an AgSafe Canada, by developing a Farm Safety Plan and talking with your family and anyone who visits your farm about safety.

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# GEARING UP FOR 2021 WILDFIRE SEASON

**Submitted by Government of Alberta**

From updated digital tools to automated weather stations to drone technology, innovation is at the forefront of Alberta Wildfire's detection and management practices.

Wildfire season runs from March 1 to Oct. 31 in Alberta, which means permits are now required for activities such as residential, industrial or agricultural debris burning.

The wildfire hazard is highest in the spring months when fuels like trees and grass have extremely low moisture content after the snow has melted and evaporated.

Thanks to the diligence of Albertans, effective department preparations and substantial precipitation in many areas of the province, last season proved to be one of the slowest years Alberta has seen in decades in terms of both number of wildfires and area burned.

Alberta Wildfire adapted to the demands of fighting wildfires during the pandemic, adopting strict health and safety protocols at its camps to ensure the safety of staff. To date, there have been no COVID-19 cases at wildfire camps.

Technology and innovation Wildfire management best practices are always evolving, which highlights the importance of research into and the adoption of new technology and innovative practices. This season, Alberta Wildfire is:

- Exploring remote camera, drone and satellite technologies to help modernize wildfire detection and data collection.
- Implementing modern remote automated weather stations that provide real-time or hourly data rather than once or twice per day.
- Continuing to evaluate the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of new firefighting tools and practices (e.g., gels,

drones, cameras and water delivery systems such as large and mobile pumps and sprinklers).

• Researching the best tree and vegetation management practices to help Albertans effectively FireSmart their communities and build resilience to wildfires.

2019 Spring Wildfire Review recommendations

Alberta Wildfire continues to make progress on the Spring 2019 Wildfire Review recommendations. Some initiatives have been completed in advance of this wildfire season, while others are multi-year projects.

Key accomplishments to date include:

- Establishing FireSmart Alberta to inform strategic and collaborative actions to improve FireSmart programming.
- Developing a new wildfire app and web-based status map that include more detailed information about

fires nearest to app users, fire bans, mountain pine beetle, fire danger ratings, and more.

• Coordinating the fire weather and fire behaviour teams more closely to ensure all tools and information are used in decision-making.

Quick facts

• Up-to-date information on fire restrictions, fire bans, OHV restrictions and general wildfire information is available at [albertafirebans.ca](http://albertafirebans.ca) or by calling 1-866-FYI-FIRE (1-866-394-3473).

• To report a wildfire, call 310-FIRE (310-3473) toll-free, from anywhere in Alberta.

• In the 2020 wildfire season, Alberta saw 704 wildfires burn just over 3,269 hectares (8,068 acres). That's less than one per cent of total area burned when compared to the five-year average.

• Eighty-eight per cent of last season's wildfires were human-caused.

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# LAKEWELL 4-H MULTI CLUB - VIRTUAL UPDATE

**Submitted by Jean Henderson, Club Reporter**

In October 2020, Lakewell 4-H Multi club was looking forward to the year with Horse and Exploring 4-H the only projects we were offering. Horse was riding in the Darwell arena on Monday evenings and Exploring 4-H was looking forward to the seven mini-projects the members had decided on. During the November general meeting, the club decided that we would meet in December at the horse leaders' home for a Christmas Party / Awards Day that would take the form of a toboggan party and wiener roast. However, circumstances changed, and COVID restrictions began to impact plans for all of us. Eventually, we had to put that social event on hold. Other activities have also been affected by the restrictions. Awards Day is a day that we celebrate our members and cleavers who have completed their 4-H year. Of course, this could not be held in person this year, so our General Leader delivered completion gifts

to all the 2019/2020 members and posted pictures of them receiving them on the Facebook page.

Early on, because of our small numbers, the Lakewell 4-H members in the Exploring 4-H project were able to meet at the Lake Isle Hall for a short project meeting but then we went home to attend a virtual Vet Sciences radiology presentation hosted by Dr. Tammy Ney. However, more severe restrictions were put in place and so our Christmas social event was put on hold. The club stood down for a short time, waiting to see what the future would bring but then, since it seemed it might be some time before any kind of a return to normality would take place, we made the decision to do as much as we could virtually.

So - in January Exploring 4-H members managed a virtual Exploring 4-H craft project event. The members and cleavers all built one or more sock puppets and pictures of the finished projects were posted on our private Facebook page. The next project we explored

was Foods and we combined that with a virtual Communications Day.

In normal times, Communications Day is a time when members can deliver either an original speech or presentation to family and friends in real time and be judged on their efforts. This year, instead of meeting in the hall, members delivered their Communications activity to a camera and the video was submitted for judging. Our Communications Day, which was held on February 12, allowed everyone to share their foods project - making fruit kabobs - while watching videos of the members delivering their speech or presentation. These videos, along with pictures of the kabobs, have now been posted on the club's Facebook page.

Horse also had to switch from in-person lessons to a virtual format. The horse project leader began by assigning tasks to the members and asking them to video the completed task and submit it to her. In the past few weeks, with the extremely cold weather, there

has been another switch away from riding to theory, which is also an important part of the Horse Project. Hopefully, we will be able to return to in-person activities in the near future.

Of course, fundraising is difficult in this environment as well but since we still need to raise some money, we are holding a virtual Bottle Drive with the support of the Wabamun Bottle Depot. If you would like to contribute, you can either take your recycling into Wabamun and let the folks at the depot know that the money earned is to go to the Lakewell 4-H or you can contact Amanda Flynn at 780 264 2953 or Jean at 780 242 2486 and we will arrange for pickup.

In these trying times, the 4-H motto of 'Learn to do by doing' could not be more appropriate. We have all learned a lot in the past couple of months and will continue to do so in the coming months. Watch for the next installment in this saga and please, stay safe!

## Working Parents Benefit

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If you do not already have one, you can easily sign up for an account at [account.alberta.ca](http://account.alberta.ca). After you submit your application for the benefit, you will receive a confirmation e-mail within 24 hours. After your ap-

plication is processed, you will also receive an e-mail informing you if you have been approved, or if more information is required to determine your eligibility.

Alberta's government is working to directly support parents and families who are facing additional stress-

es due to the pandemic and economic uncertainty. The Working Parents Benefit returns money directly into the pockets of Albertans to help assist them with financial pressures they may have faced throughout the past year.

Alberta's government

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# ALBERTA RCMP PROVIDES TIPS ON HOW TO SPOT A SCAM DURING FRAUD PREVENTION MONTH

**Submitted by Alberta RCMP**

March is the Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association's (ACCPA) fraud prevention month. Each year, the ACCPA hosts events for Albertans to learn more about the ways in which fraudulent activity impacts their communities. However, due to the ongoing health pandemic, this year's initiative will take place online. The ACCPA and supporting organizations, including the RCMP, will be highlighting topics including cyber-crime, identity-theft, phone scams, and more over social media. Albertans can follow the hashtag #FPM2021 to find fraud prevention information and resources.

Last year, the Alberta RCMP investigated a total of 10,504 reports of fraud, with 915 cases in March 2020 alone. Fraud-

prevention education is key to keeping you and your loved one's finances and personal information safe.

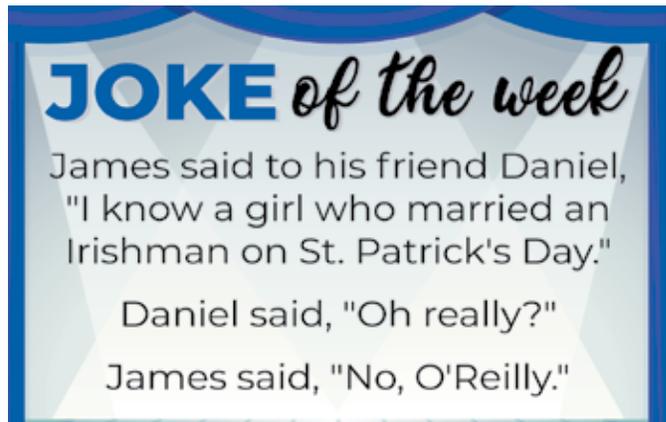
Frauds often front as banking or credit card services, government agencies, and even customer service representatives. Posing as seemingly trustworthy sources, scammers victimize their personal and, in most cases, financial information. Learning how to detect potential fraud is your best defense against falling victim to the crime. Alberta RCMP shares the following tips on how to spot a scam:

- Calls from unfamiliar area codes or numbers. Emails from unknown senders or addresses.
- Online or over the phone requests for immediate payments or money transfers, i.e. e-transfers, gift cards, etc.
- When personal or financial information is requested via

text, or email.

- Pre-recorded phone messages or voicemails from banks or government agencies.
- Be extra cautious when dealing with cheques from unknown parties.
- If you're unfamiliar with how cryptocurrencies work, you should avoid dealing in them.

These are just some ways to identify potential fraud. If you are unsure of whether or not you are being targeted by a scam, check with family or friends, or visit the Government of Canada's website to learn about common scam-types and how to protect yourself against them.



# YELLOWHEAD COUNTY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

**Submitted by Yellowhead County**

February 23, 2021

Teck Mine Presentation – Representatives from Teck Resources Limited presented to council about the conclusion of their mining operation in the region. Teck intends to cease all work at their Cardinal River Operations and have put forward a land reclamation plan for the affected

regions. Numerous regional stakeholders were consulted in the process, including First Nations. Teck’s mission in reclamation is to return affected lands to a healthy ecosystem suitable for use by animals, fish, and human. Reclamation is expected to conclude in 2032.

Bighorn Trail Upgrades – The Foothills Recreation Management Association (FRMA) requested a further

\$30,000 investment in the Bighorn Trail. In 2019, county council approved a \$30,000 grant to FRMA for initial work on rehabilitating the trail. The motion to support the Bighorn Trail Rehabilitation Project Phase Two, which includes a \$30,000 grant liberation, was not passed by council, effectively denying the grant request.

National Suicide Prevention Hotline – Council directed

administration to send a letter of support for the federal government’s establishment of one consistent number (988) as a national suicide prevention number. The letter will be forwarded to MP Gerald Soroka, MLAs Shane Getson and Martin Long, Minister Patti Hajdu, and the CRTC.

Edson Shelterpod Pilot Project – A delegation from the Edson Shelterpod Project recently presented their pilot project to council. The pods, being constructed at the Edson Recycling Centre, will house 5 individuals upon their completion in March. The project is expected to cost \$18,000 to \$24,000 a year to operate. The Shelterpod committee has requested a grant from county council to support their operational costs. Approximately 30% of the unhoused and at-risk population served by the program are county residents. County council carried a motion to request further cost, usage, and demographic data in six months for consideration in 2022 budget process.

Land Use Bylaw 16.13 Amendment – The landowners of two titled properties have jointly applied to the county to create a six parcel country residential subdivision. In order to subdivide the lands, the lands must be redistricted from Rural District to Country Residential District. Council gave first reading to Bylaw 4.21 amending Land Use Bylaw 16.13 for Part of NE 31-53-16-W5M and Plan 902 0512, Block 2, Lot 1 from Rural District to Country Residential District. A Public Hearing will be held on March 23rd, 2021.

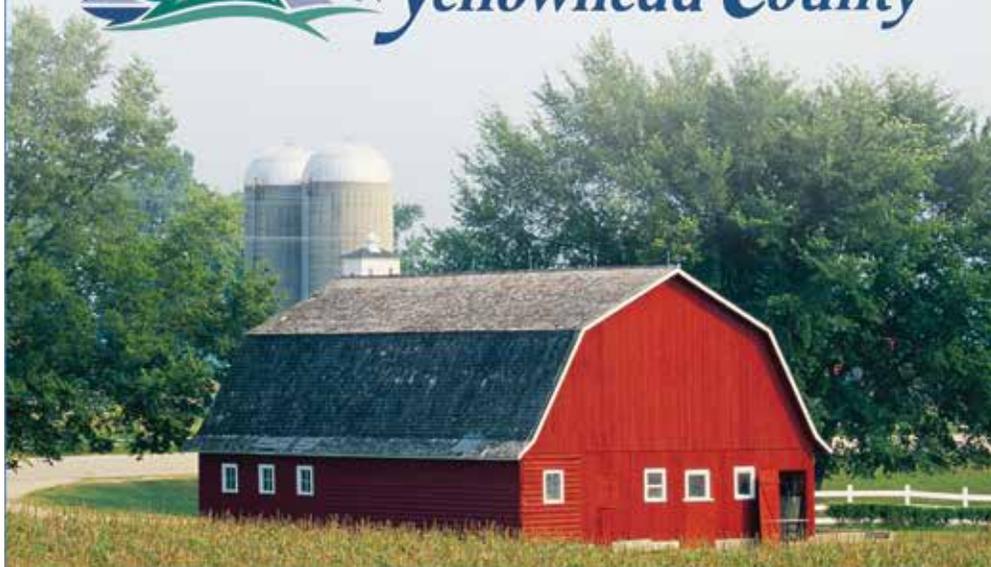
Request for Waiver of Taxes – Silverleaf Resources Inc has requested that council waive property taxes on 2 tax rolls that they are interested in purchasing. Council declined to waive the current outstanding amounts of the properties if purchased by Silverleaf Resources Inc.

## Yellowhead County Agricultural Services Department **FARM SAFETY TIPS**

- Never adjust machinery when it’s powered.
- Don’t wear loose fitting clothing around moving machinery parts.
- Obtain proper training for the machinery you are using – and know its limitations.
- Go over basic farm safety knowledge with your kids regularly.

Remember, Yellowhead County offers farming related workshops throughout the year.

**Don’t forget about the Ag Recycling Project for plastics.  
Go to [www.yhcounty.ca](http://www.yhcounty.ca) for more information.**



# KEY MESSAGES FROM GYPSD'S PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

## Submitted by Grande Yellowhead School Division Public

District Priority 1: Student Learning

Board Chair Rosadiuk recognized February 24th as Pink Shirt Day -recognized annually worldwide as a day to stand against bullying. "Wearing a pink shirt raises awareness of bullying prevention and sends a strong message to victims of bullying that they are not alone -others care and there is help and support available in each of our GYPSD schools."

The Division continues to develop CAMPUS GYPSD for the fall with the Hapara Learning Platform to provide excellent and personalized distance learning and specialized options for interested students across GYPSD and the province.

GYPSD's commitment to student learning is supported by a range of innovative learning

opportunities for students and families throughout our communities. The Division is now an official Home Education provider within the province, in addition to the Christian Learning pilot, and the Learn-at-Home option that offers both virtual access and/or paper products.

**DISTRICT PRIORITY 2: Teaching and Leadership Excellence**

Board Chair Rosadiuk shared the Board's appreciation for the ongoing work of Division staff to model kindness, inclusion, respect, and to provide support within every classroom and school -and families within GYPSD.

Superintendent Lewis met with the Division's Leadership Teams -Principals and Assistant Principals -to celebrate their responsiveness to programming needs over the past year, and gather their insight on how the Division and each school can continue to inno-

vate to provide excellent programming, teaching and learning experiences throughout GYPSD and the province.

Key highlights from the Superintendent's Report include:

- Preparing for pre-registration for 2021-2022

- Meeting with Parks' Canada Education Team

- Preparation for Central Office and Division-wide Professional Development

- Preparation for province wide PD for leaders: virtual Palisades' Indigenous Camp April 17th.

The Board received reports from Managing Director of Learning Services Aschenmeier on French Immersion programming and the Division's commitment to student wellness thru a comprehensive nutrition program, and from Mr. Baluch, Managing Director of Facility and Transportation Services outlining the work of GYPSD Transportation Services.

**DISTRICT PRIORITY 3: Community Engagement**

Highlights include:

Participation and attendance at:

- Public School Boards' Council (PSBA) Business meeting and Governance Sessions

- ASBA Zone 2/3 meeting

- Hinton Chamber of Commerce meeting

Board Chair Rosadiuk offered congratulations to Yellowhead County's new Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Luc Mercier on behalf of the Trustees.

The Board will be seeking feedback from stakeholders on updates to the Transportation Services Board Policy.

The Board of Trustees approved motions to:

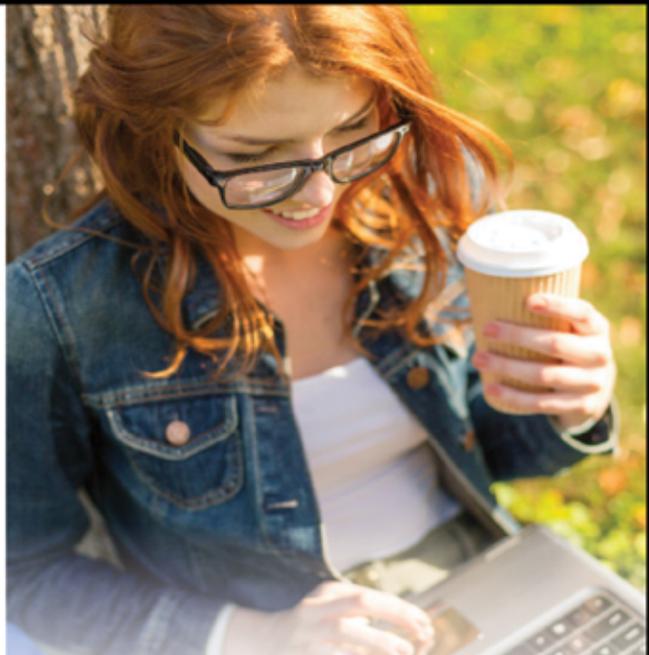
- Request meeting with local MLAs Martin Longand Shane Getson

- Revise and update Board Policies where needed.

- Adapt the 2021 Retirement Celebration to address COVID concerns

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# FARM SAFETY TIPS

- Hire right - hire the right person and pay them fairly rather than hire an unqualified person for less money then pay for their liability and errors.
- Get a check-up - make sure every worker is checked up on at least every two hours
- Know the code - the Code of Practices for Farm Safety (PEI) has set the industry standard for agriculture
- Train for safety

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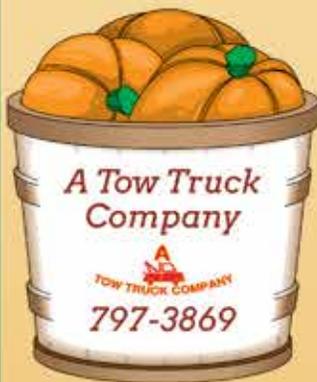


# FARM SAFETY & HEALTH WEEK

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## Keep an eye for safety

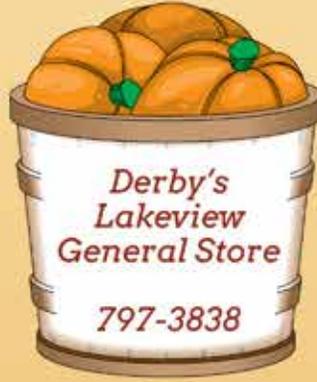
The type of safety eye protection you should wear depends on the hazards in your workplace. If you are working in an area that has particles, flying objects, or dust, you must at least wear safety glasses with side protection (side shields). If you are working with chemicals, you should wear goggles. If you are working near hazardous radiation (welding, lasers, or fibre optics) you must use special-purpose safety glasses, goggles, face shields, or helmets designed for that task.



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# FARM SAFETY WEEK

## Preventing Crushes

- From rolling machinery to falling front-end loaders there are countless crush hazards on a farm. While farm operators and workers can't prevent every hazard on a farm, they should prevent every hazard they can by taking simple preventative measures while working.

- Failure to block-up equipment safely can result in a fatal crushing injury. A jack may slip, a hose or overhead support may break, or the equipment may roll. Always take the precaution of placing support blocks under the equipment prior to working with raised machinery for any reason.

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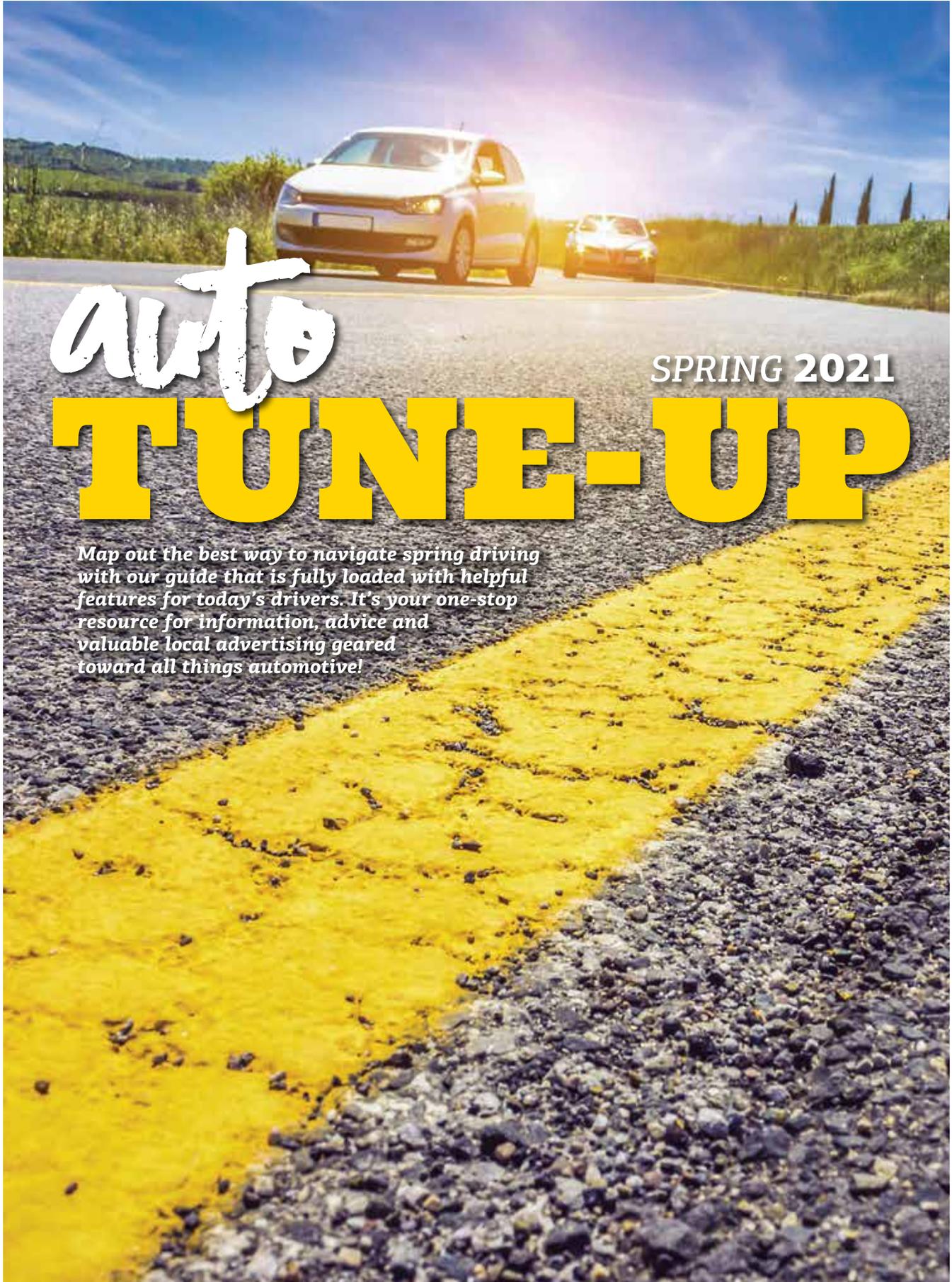
## Farm Safety Tips

When farming please follow these precautions in order to keep yourself, your family and your workers safe:

- Decrease your risk of being crushed by using lockout procedures before beginning any maintenance or repair work. Lockout means to physically neutralize all energies in a piece of equipment. Machines, devices or power transmission lines can be de-energized by applying blocks to all parts under tension or pressure, bleeding the hydraulic pressure from the lines or by releasing pressure from a coil or spring.
- Provide a safe, fenced play area for all children and supervise closely. The working area of the farm is not a playground any more than a construction site or other industrial area would be a play area. Review the safety rules on your farm with your family often. Fence off all manure, retaining ponds and dugouts, and lock buildings containing hazardous goods.

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## DIY VEHICLE MAINTENANCE TASKS

During the global COVID-19 pandemic, many people looked for ways to save money. One way to live a frugal life is to take on more projects. In addition to lawn and garden upkeep and minor home improvements, a number of people may be able to tackle some auto repair and maintenance jobs themselves.

Performing routine vehicle maintenance tasks on one's own is an ideal way to reduce automotive expenditures. The following are several vehicle maintenance jobs skilled DIYers may be able to handle on their own.

· Replace the air filter. An air filter should be changed annually or more frequently if you reside in a dry, dusty climate. A clogged filter can stress the vehicle's air conditioning system and reduce

heat capacity in the winter. Check the location of the air filter in the owner's manual; pay attention to how it is placed before removing. Then replace it with a clean filter that can be purchased for around \$15.

· Replace the wiper blades. When wiper blades are worn out, visibility in rainy or snowy weather is reduced. Choose a quality wiper blade, as they usually are made with high-quality rubber, clean better and have more UV protection than manufacturer-provided blades. Follow the installation instructions on the package, and be sure to refer to the particular manufacturer's buying guide to get the right size for your make and model of vehicle.

· Replace spark plugs. The money management site

Money Crashers says spark plugs need to be replaced after around 30,000 miles or as indicated by your owner's manual. Vehicles will have four, six or eight plugs, depending on how many cylinders the car has. The plugs need to be changed in a certain order, so only remove the first wire and spark plug. Remove and replace plugs one by one with a spark plug socket, wrench or ratchet.

· Change the oil and oil filter. Because changing the oil in a vehicle requires jacking up the car or truck and getting a little dirty, some people prefer to leave it to an oil change center. However, at an estimated cost of \$20 versus nearly double or more what you'll spend elsewhere, it can save money to do it yourself. Never change the oil while the engine is hot.

And remember to lubricate the rubber gasket on the new oil filter and allocate enough oil to fill the filter with about 2/3 of new oil in addition to what is put in the engine.

· Replace headlight bulbs. Replacing headlight bulbs is a fairly easy project and will only take around 10 minutes to do after you purchase the right bulbs for your vehicle. Each vehicle is different, but many bulbs are housed inside of a bulb holder, which is shaped like a trapezoid with three wires coming out of it, advises U.S. News & World Report. Remove the old bulb and put in the new. Plug the wires back in and test to see if the headlight works.

The above automotive tasks are just some that people can try themselves to save time and money.

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## WHEN SHOULD YOU REPLACE ROTORS AND BRAKE PADS?

The ability to accelerate and steer freely is vital to vehicle performance. Equally crucial is being able to stop the car to avoid collisions and obstacles. Brake pads and rotors are vital components of braking mechanisms that need to be maintained and serviced.

Drivers may wonder how frequently they have to replace brake parts. Car and Driver magazine states brake pads are among the most crucial braking components. Brake pads create the friction that helps stop a car when they are pressed against the brake rotor, also known as the brake disc. It's in drivers' best interests to ensure that brake pads, as well as rotors,

always function properly and are replaced before their effectiveness is compromised.

Replacing brake pads

Brake pads are made from different materials, but all will wear down over time, losing a portion of material every time the brakes are used. Eventually brake pads will not be able to generate enough friction to stop the vehicle quickly. Industry experts generally recommend brakes be replaced every 20,000 to 60,000 miles. Since that is a wide mileage range, drivers can listen for squealing noises or grinding sounds or feel for vibrations when deploying the brakes. Each of those signs may indicate brakes need to be replaced.

Replacing rotors

Like brake pads, rotors also will wear out over time. Brake rotors must meet a certain thickness to be considered safe. If they are below that thickness, then they must be fully replaced. Some drivers opt to have their rotors resurfaced. This means removing any grooves, hotspots or anomalies on the rotors that can cause uneven wear of the brake pads. However, if the rotors are too thin, they cannot be resurfaced, as this removes some additional rotor material. Rotors can only be resurfaced once before replacement. Some vehicles have rotors that cannot be resurfaced at all.

Rotors can go thousands

of miles before they need to be replaced, but vibrations while braking and squeaking noises are usually indicative that rotors need to be checked and/or replaced. Even though brake pads and rotors may wear out at different intervals, many automotive professionals advise replacing rotors when brake pads are changed for optimal performance and safety.

Brakes are an essential safety component. Work with a qualified mechanic to have brake pads and rotors serviced before wear and tear adversely affects driver safety and vehicle performance.

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Savvy drivers recognize that maintenance is essential to keeping their vehicles running strong for years on end. Such maintenance ensures vehicles are safe to take out on the road, and basic upkeep also protects drivers' financial investments in their cars and trucks.

Drivers who are not mechanically inclined tend to put their vehicles in the hands of a trusted mechanic to perform routine maintenance like oil changes. But there's a host of simpler vehicle maintenance tasks that drivers don't want to overlook, some of which can be performed without visiting the auto body shop.

· Brake inspections: Brake

inspections are best left to the professionals, who can check the thickness of brake pads and look for other indicators of excessive wear. The automotive resource Cars.com recommends having brakes inspected during routine tire rotations, which many automotive professionals suggest should be done every six months.

· Car wash: Car washes might not be the first task drivers associate with vehicle maintenance, but they can prevent long-term damage to cars and trucks. Damage from bird droppings and road salt and ice melt products in the winter can damage a vehicle's paint job and its undercarriage. Wash the

car on your own at home or visit a professional car wash to perform this simple yet vital maintenance at regular intervals and whenever you notice significant buildup of dirt and grime on the car's exterior.

· Air filter: The air filter on a car or truck prevents debris, dirt and other contaminants from getting into the engine. The auto insurance experts at Allstate® advise drivers to inspect their vehicle air filters once a year. Air filters in need of replacement may appear dirty, and reduced fuel economy, unusual engine sounds and reduced horsepower are some other potential indicators that an air filter needs to be replaced.

· Windshield wipers: Windshield wiper blades are easily overlooked, but various automotive experts recommend replacing wiper blades every six to 12 months. Old wiper blades won't perform at peak capacity, dramatically reducing visibility during heavy rain and snowstorms. Anyone can replace their own windshield wiper blades in a matter of minutes, and new blades won't break the bank.

Vehicle maintenance is not exclusive to tending to what's under the hood. Keeping a car running smoothly for years involves routine tasks that many drivers can perform without professional assistance.

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- Plan an escape route when working around animals in tight areas.
- Wear protective equipment like masks and goggles to safeguard your lungs and eyes.
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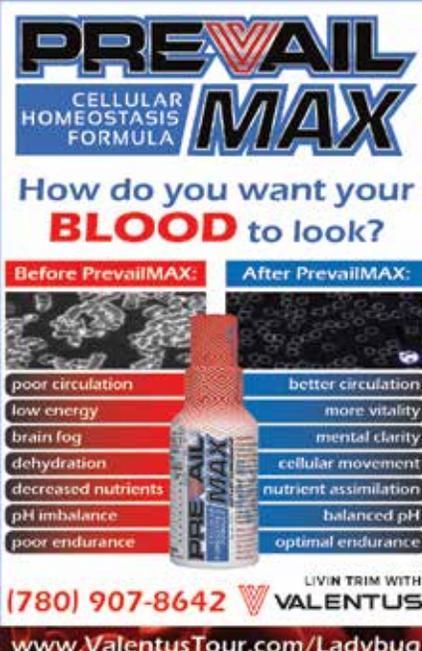
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